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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

 Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/701,056	Applicant(s) ZAPIEC ET AL.	
	Examiner Andrew Joseph Rudy	Art Unit 3627	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bedell et al., US 6,622,128.

3. Bedell discloses monitoring Internet activity performed by a user client at a terminal comprising a client identifier, e.g. Fig. 3. Bedell does not specifically disclose recording the completion time of the Internet activity by a client matter identifier and a client identifier on behalf of a client and generating a bill and a report based, in part, on a session record.

Official Notice is taken that recording a start/finish time of an Internet activity by a user on behalf of a client and generating a bill and a report based at least, in part, on a session record was well known and common knowledge in the computer usage consulting art far predating Applicant's filing date.

For example, hiring out a private patent searcher to use a computer database, e.g. an Automated Patent System (APS) provided by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or an Internet web site, e.g. Google or Yahoo, encompasses in scope and content Applicant's inventive idea.

Using APS to log on/off times of usage while recording search terms used and documents retrieved while providing a searcher tools to create a search report for a client, e.g. a private entity, a corporation or law firm, having both a client matter identifier and a client identifier, was well known and common knowledge in the computer usage consulting art far predating Applicant's filing date.

To have provided recording the start/finish time of Internet activity by a user on behalf of a client and generate a bill and a report based at least, in part, on a session record for Bedell would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. The motivation for doing such would have been to have provided common knowledge report and billing data presented by a user on behalf of a client identifier and client matter identifier as such was common knowledge in the computer usage and consulting art.

4. Further pertinent references of interest are noted on the attached PTO-892. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement received November 4, 2003 is noted. However, it is not in proper form. Nonetheless, to avoid needless delay, all the documents cited are included on the aforementioned PTO-892.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Joseph Rudy whose telephone number is 703-308-7808. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert P. Olszewski can be reached on 703-308-5183. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Joseph Rudy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

Andrew Joseph Rudy
Primary Examiner
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